

REMARKS

The Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 2, and 4 – 6, and such allowance is appreciated.

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner has asserted that the controller for controlling the switching of the light sources in the movement of the slit image sources, as claimed in claim 7 and 12 must be shown. It is respectfully submitted that such controller is shown in FIG. 10, and specifically, with reference numeral 34 at pages 10 – 12. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no drawing corrections are required, and it is requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 3 and 7 – 16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim a subject matter of the invention.

The Examiner has objected to claim 3 because the phrase “the slit masks” has no antecedent basis. Claim 3 has been amended in order to provide proper antecedent basis.

The Examiner has stated that the phrases “the switching” and “the movement of the slit image sources” are not defined clearly. It is respectfully submitted that the discussion with regard to FIG. 10 at pages 10 -12 provides sufficient detail that one skilled in the art will understand what switching and movement of the slit image sources refers to.

The Examiner has further stated that he does not understand the meaning of the word “controlling” the switching of the light sources. From the entire spec and from

claim 7 itself, it is clear that controlling the switching of the light sources refers to powering-up and powering-down the light sources. The slit image sources are moved via the motors 24 and 26, which move the slit masks 16 and 18, see discussion at pages 10 -12.

The Examiner has further asked what the Applicant means by "the first and second slit image source's images" means. The images of the slit image sources are the slits of light produced by the light sources through the slit masks. See page 7, lines 4 - 5.

The Examiner asserts that slit masks or moveable mirrors are undefined. The Applicants respectfully disagree, in that the discussion with regard to FIG. 10 at pages 10 -12, sets forth that the slit masks or moveable mirrors are connected to the motors 24 and 26.

The Examiner has further objected that no antecedent basis is provided with regard to claim 16. The present amendment cancels claim 16, and therefore, this objection has been rendered moot.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is condition for allowance, and such allowance is requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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